

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 279

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kathryn "Kay" Ellen Hauk on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn "Kay" Ellen Hauk will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 18, 2023, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hauk grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, and moved to a farm in Olathe, Kansas, when she was still very young; she graduated from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas, where she received a war-time teaching certificate; and

WHEREAS, while living in Emporia, she met Ben Hauk at her church, and two months, two weeks, and two days later, they were married on June 1, 1943; and

WHEREAS, the newlywed couple moved to New York and then Oak Ridge, where Mr. Hauk worked as a chemist on projects relating to the atomic bomb; the Hauk family, which had been blessed by the birth of three children while living in Tennessee, later relocated to Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, the family moved to Longview, Texas, where Mr. Hauk began work as a chemist for the Eastman Kodak Corporation, and Mrs. Hauk, when not caring for her children or teaching kindergarten, created numerous paintings, fabric art, and ceramics, in addition to the well-prepared meals that she made for parties and gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Hauks became very involved at First Baptist Church in Longview and eventually helped to found a new church, Oakland Heights Baptist Church, where Mrs. Hauk started a preschool and kindergarten and worked as the preschool and children's director; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hauk also labored with her husband to build homes under their business name, "KayBen Homes," and they built and sold over sixty houses; and

WHEREAS, once her youngest child was a senior in high school, Mrs. Hauk returned to school and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Art at Stephen F. Austin University, and after Mr. Hauk retired from Eastman Kodak, the couple traveled the United States and Canada together; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Mrs. Hauk and her husband moved to Franklin to be closer to family, which had grown to include seven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, although Mr. Hauk tragically passed away in 2014, Mrs. Hauk continues to live life to the fullest in memory of him, and she loves to attend church events at Forest Hills Baptist Church, read books, and watch football and basketball; and

WHEREAS, as she enters her eleventh decade, Mrs. Hauk is still a positive force for good, admired for her wisdom, spirit of generosity, integrity, and enthusiasm for life; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kathryn "Kay" Ellen Hauk on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.